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King County Board for Developmental Disabilities M I N U T E S

Day/Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2006
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Region 4, Large Conference Room
1700 East Cherry Street
Seattle, WA 98122

Board:

Tom Bellamy
Kevin Bernadt
Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox
Ted Daniels
Leo Finnegan
Kevin Henderson
Don Luby
John Nesbitt

Guests*:

Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN
Bill Sellars, The Arc of King County
Virginia Burzotta, Northwest Center
Eric Hallberg, Atwork!
Anton Saunsaucie, Service Alternatives
Bonnie Lowes, UW EP
Timothy Wolfe, The Arc of King County
Richard Wilson, The Arc of King County
*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

Excused:

Heather Avery
Bobbi Christensen-Meins
Steven Thompson

Staff:

Ray Jensen, KCDDD
Jane Campbell, KCDDD
Irma Hill, KCDDD
Holly Woo, KCDDD
Michaelle Monday, KCDDD
Beth Boram, KCHCD
Jan Blackburn, DSHS/DDD/Region 4

Introductions and Chair's Comments

The regular monthly meeting of the Board for Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by the Chair, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox, on Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

Approval of Minutes

03010601 Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox called for a motion to approve the February 2006 Minutes. A correction was made to the Minutes on page 4 in the third paragraph of the King County Division Director's Report: Rose Finnegan and Ann Dennis are not

representatives for the Seattle Area Aging Advisory Committee. Don Luby motioned, Kevin Henderson seconded and the February Minutes were approved as amended.

General Public Input

Joanne O'Neill announced the following Arc of King County Parent Trainings:

- + Three-part series of Social Security Benefit trainings with Scott Leonard, Employment Resource Coordinator, King County Developmental Disabilities Division on March 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Mercer View Community Center located at 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island. Please register by contacting Joanne at 206-364-4645 Ext. 8006.
- + A South end Social Security Benefits training is scheduled for June 1, 8 and 15 at the Renton Community Center located at 1715 Maple Valley Highway, Renton.
- + Stay tuned for more information about the 2006 Vendor Fair
- + Sib Shop Kick-Off for adult siblings of persons with developmental disabilities is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at The Arc of King County located at 233 Sixth Avenue N., Seattle. This is a free workshop for adult siblings to learn strategies for engaging their family in future planning. To register and learn more, contact Anne Guthrie at 206-364-6337 Ext. 8013 or by email at anneguthrie@siblingsupport.org. Also, inquire about a five-part planning series to be scheduled about every two weeks.

Jane Campbell announced an Early Intervention Orientation at the Center for Human Services located at 17018 15th Avenue NE, Shoreline. The orientation is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The orientations are scheduled to be held quarterly, so come see what you can do to get the most from early intervention services. For more information, contact Jan Wrathall at 206-296-2912 or by email at Jan.Wrathall@Metrokc.gov.

Kevin Bernadt announced a rally against HB2475 at the State Capitol in Olympia on Friday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. to save the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) and educate the legislators about the deaf children's education, needs and the parents' right to choose which school their children attend.

Kevin testified before the King County Council on Monday, February 27 in support of the new King County official logo from a crown to an image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ted Daniels publicly thanked Ray Jensen and his staff for providing the community focus groups concerning the Working Age Adult Policy.

Legislative Report

Joanne reported the status of the following Bills:



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- + SB5141 / HB1107 - Providing for early intervention services for children with Disabilities.
- + SB6630 – Establishing the community protection program for persons with developmental disabilities.
- + HB2914 - Regarding compliance with certification standards for providers of residential services and support to persons with developmental disabilities.
- + HB2418 - Increasing the availability of affordable housing.
- + HB2475 - Requiring collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.
- + HB2479 - Ensuring equipment accessibility for voters with visual impairments.

Sign up for alerts and updates at The Arc of Washington's website at www.arcwa.org.

Joanne distributed a document entitled, "2006 Supplemental Budget Side by Side for Developmental Disabilities" that provided the Governor, Senate and House budgets identifying the differences in each budget for the following topics:

- + Employment/Day for High School Graduates
- + Increase Community Residential Services
- + Family Support
- + Provider Wage Increase
- + DD Needs Study
- + DDD Case Resource Managers
- + DD Community Protection Legal Services

Reports

Planning Committee Meeting

Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox reported that the Planning Committee met on February 22 and discussed the following topics:




- + Getting the word out about the early intervention program
- + General public awareness
- + Outreach to childcare providers and other community members



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-  Awareness in the medical community
-  Advertising on Metro buses
-  Early Intervention Focus Group Report (to be posted on the KCDDD website)

Working Age Adult Policy Oversight Committee

Tom Bellamy reported that the first Working Age Adult Policy Oversight Committee was held on February 28. The charge of the committee is to assist the County in implementing the intent of the policy. The committee will meet again in May.

Regional Administrator / Field Services Report

Jan Blackburn provided the following updates:

-  Family Support Project - close to authorizing services
-  The Division is moving toward a more systematic notice to families when a service has been denied, reduced or terminated. The standard form is entitled, "Plan to Action Notice (PAN)." The form will be forwarded to families in April.

The Board requested more clarifying information regarding the PAN and how the information will be communicated to families. Jan will forward the information to the Board Chair, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox for dissemination.

Ted Daniels suggested as a Board that they direct a letter stating concerns that they hope before this is officially implemented that the important issues and questions have been reviewed. He also requested that an update be presented to the Board again.

King County Division Director's Report

Ray Jensen distributed a copy of the Regional Accessible Transit Guide which is meant to be a reference for persons with disabilities, senior citizens, advocates and service agencies. The guide has information on both paratransit and regular transit services. For more information, visit Access' website at <http://findaride.org>.

Ray also asked for a Board member to participate on the Children and Family Commission (CFC) to represent the DD community. The Commission meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the King County Courthouse located at 516 Third Avenue, fourth floor, Executive Conference Room. Please notify Ray Jensen at Ray.Jensen@Metrokc.gov or Michaelle Monday at Michaelle.Monday@Metrokc.gov if you are interested.

Next Meetings:

The March 21 Employment Provider and Vendor Referral Meetings have been canceled.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 5 at 9:30 a.m. at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.



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The next King County Interagency Coordinating (KCICC) Meeting is scheduled for April 10 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at WorkSource in Renton, located at 919 SW Grady Way, Conference Room “Q” (Upstairs). KCICC meetings will be held quarterly in 2006.

The next Employment Provider Meeting is scheduled for April 18 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

Adjourned: Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.



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